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FALL DISTRICT TRAINING

FRIDAY, OCT. 23 , 7PM - GREENBRIER DISTRICT

Caldwell - Michael Neel, Pastor

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 1PM - EAST TENN. DISTRICT

Thrive Ministry - Greenville - Rick Becker, Pastor

MONDAY, OCT. 26, 7PM - SHENANDOAH/CENTRAL VA

Good News Ministries - Staunton - Wanda Myers, Pastor

TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 7PM - SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Draper Valley - Mike Ingo, Pastor

THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 7PM - NEW RIVER VALLEY/ROANOKE

Valley Harvest Ministries - Steve Willis, Pastor

FRIDAY, OCT. 30, 7PM—BLUEFIELD/McDOWELL DIST.

Voice of Praise - N.R. Taylor, Pastor

SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 1PM—CENTRAL WV DISTRICT

Shady Spring - Benny Harper, Pastor

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Appalachian Conference
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OCTOBER 6

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OCTOBER 10

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OCTOBER 14

Rev. Robert Presnell
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OCTOBER 23

Rev. William Carico
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Galax, VA 24333

OCTOBER 1

Rev. Bobby Lewis
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OCTOBER 5

Rev. Richard Kingrea
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Rev. James Abram
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Rev. Mrs. LaTrissia Black
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OCTOBER 31

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It's what you sow that multiplies,
not what you keep in the barn.

Adrian Rogers



The Bishop's Page

Preston Mathena



NOTICE ALL MINISTERS

Each Fall District Meeting in October will have a time for instruction as well as the business of Inspirational Conference. Because we were not able to have our Inspirational Conference in June, we will set aside time during the district meetings to license and ordain ministers. All IPHC ministers should plan to attend these meetings.



NOTE BURNING AT MONTCALM



The Montcalm Pentecostal Holiness Church has been blessed through the years. I went to Montcalm as pastor in August of 2009. I was supposed to be there for three weeks as an interim pastor, and August 11th of 2020 has made eleven years. I have witnessed so many blessings during these past eleven years, and even in these uncertain times, during this pandemic the Montcalm Pentecostal Holiness Church is still receiving God's blessings.

The last Sunday of December 2019 we received 29 new members. But that is not the end of the story. May 4, 2020, we retired the indebtedness on the church. When I was blessed to go to Montcalm PH as pastor, the debt on the church was \$200,000. And with the faithfulness of such a great group of people, we are now debt free. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

On June 28, 2020, Bishop Preston Mathena and his wife Kathy came and took part in our note-burning ceremony. Bishop Mathena preached a great message that inspired everyone in attendance and those who were watching via Facebook live.

I would like to thank the great church board that we have and all the wonderful people at Montcalm PH Church. I hope to be there until Jesus comes. ~Submitted by Pastor Larry Roberts



Pastor Larry and Judy Roberts



World Missions & Evangelism

Larry Meadors



Plant a Church Among the “Country Folk”

Only 18 percent of Estonians believe there is a God, which is the lowest percentage of any European Union country*. This country suffered under Russian occupation for nearly five decades. Alcoholism and drug abuse are major problems. In the midst of this setting is Aleksandr Mazur, the national IPHC leader. He is pioneering the ministry there, focused on substance rehabilitation and feeding centers. He has started two churches and expanded the outreach into the neighboring country of Latvia.

Estonia is a country of 1.2 million, whose name roughly means, “country folk.” Though it has made great strides since its independence, it is still the poorest country in the eurozone. The Gallop organization polled 143 countries in 2006-2008. One of the questions that was asked: “Is religion an important part of your daily life?” Only 14 percent of Estonians responded in the affirmative, making them the lowest among all those nations surveyed.

Your help is needed to continue this church planting movement. A new church can be established, as well as helping to support a pastor, for \$8,000. In the spring of 2021, a conference team will travel with Regional Director Harold Presley to Estonia to train leaders and join them in outreach. Direct your giving to **Estonia Church Plant #30023P**. This is the Appalachian Conference Missions Project for 2020.

* Eurobarometer Poll 2010



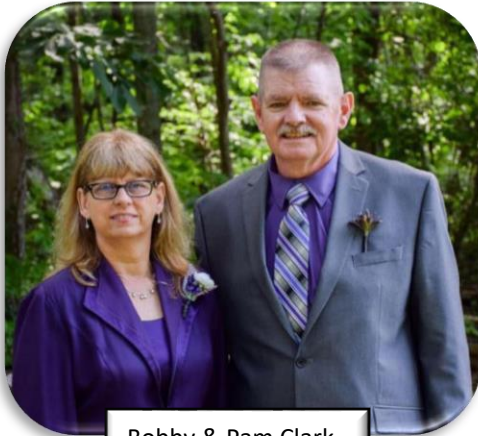
Planting Churches in Tallin, Estonia



Church Outreach in Estonia

A CENTURY OF “SENDING”

Journey in Missions



Bobby & Pam Clark

Bobby Clark always had a love for the Chinese people and their culture long before he and Pam were called. You might say it was God’s preparation for the calling that was to come. In the 1980’s, Bobby took some college courses at the local community college, one of them being the Chinese language. He also enjoyed cooking Chinese food at home for his family, self-taught through Chinese cookbooks.

Bobby and Pam always had a desire to minister to those who were overlooked by others. They wanted to reach people who had never had the opportunity to accept Jesus into their life.

They felt that God was calling them to serve as missionaries in China, and initially they went on a month-long mission trip to China during the summer of 1999. It was during this time that God began to prepare them for full-time ministry in China, as they forged relationships with the locals and came to discover a small minority called the Mulao people.

The Mulao people were a minority that had never been reached before due to their remote location in the mountains of the Guangxi Province. This was an area so remote that it was not accessible by vehicles. Once you had traveled as far as you could by truck, then you had to hike up a mountain for approximately four hours in hundred-degree weather. Their journey would remind you of a scene out of Indiana Jones.

No one had ever desired to come to this remote area to reach the Mulao people, but this is exactly where they knew they had been called to serve and wanted to be there full time. Within a year they resigned from their full-time careers, raised enough support through local churches and faithfully followed that to which they were called, to live in China and minister full time. Their home church, in which Bobby was Associate Pastor, was Abundant Life Fellowship in Pilot, Va.

Bobby and Pam, along with their son Torrey, moved to China in the winter of 2000. They acquired student visas to learn the Chinese language and culture at the University of Liuzhou. The communist government of China does not allow missionaries to travel to China to spread the Gospel; this is strictly forbidden. So, they had to have a cover as being students to live there. This was beneficial as it quickly helped them continue to learn their language and customs.

When they would arrive to a village for the first time, it was evident that they had never seen Americans in person before, but were especially drawn to Bobby as he was almost giant-like in comparison to them. He was very charismatic and when he would share with a room full of people, he had their undivided attention. Bobby had a gift for teaching and relating to others, showing them just how much God loved and cared for them individually.

Anyone who knew Pam knew that she was quiet and reserved, but God used her talents to minister to others, too. As a registered nurse, she was able to provide medical care and supplies to a village of people who had never received any previous medical care. Pam’s care for them was evident of Christ’s love for them, through her endless compassion, seeing that someone would go above and beyond to care for them, someone that they had never even met.

Torrey, being the tech guy of the family, enjoyed showing them Chinese films about the Gospel on a portable DVD player that was cutting edge technology twenty years ago! He would also help minister to the kids by playing games and other fun activities with them. They provided much desired Chinese Bibles and study materials to the Mulao people and continued to visit these villages and help establish underground home churches there so that they could continue to have their own church services independently and continue to grow in Christ.

They were called back to the United States a few years later as their family grew and God blessed them with more grandchildren. Before they left China, they ensured that the work God started there would continue to prosper. They trained two Liuzhou locals, Larry and Simon, to help continue to build the underground churches and outreach of the remote villages of the Mulao. They continued to support them financially to provide Chinese Bibles and medical supplies as well.

After returning home, Bobby and Pam would go on to minister to their local community, children, grandchildren, and the overlooked through their everyday walk, as pastors, and their motorcycle ministry. They had a passion and love for others that was rarely seen. They had a love that was unconditional. It was agape, the love of God. They lived what they preached and provided a legacy that still prevails through their love for God and people while here on earth.

Submitted by their daughter Robin Quesinberry



Discipleship Ministries

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Looking Ahead...Remembering the Past! Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry... Camp Maranatha...1946 – 2021

“Youth camp. Those two words bring to mind fond memories of new acquaintances, worship and praise, singing, boy meets girl, and fun. For many, it reminds them of sleeping on the floor, sleepless nights, hot weather, meeting under a tent, swimming in cold creeks and many other good times.

The first such session in the Virginia Conference, according to the July 1946 issue of The Virginia Conference Messenger, was held in Pulaski, Virginia, where the boys were provided bedding accommodations in the church and the girls were placed in the homes of church members and friends.

Youth camps were born in the Virginia Conference as Youth Training Schools when the Committee of the PHYS (Pentecostal Holiness Youth Society) reported at the August 25-27, 1945, Annual Session (the 35th of the Conference) at Radford. This report stated, ‘That a Youth Training School be established in our Conference to begin in 1946 with the program to be worked out by the Convention Officials along with the Official Board of the Conference.’

A similar statement was made the next year, during the 36th Annual Session of the Virginia Conference, which met August 24, 1946, in Bluefield, West Virginia”¹

Over the next months, as we plan and release information about Camp Maranatha 2021 – Celebrating 75 years of Ministry – we will be sharing more with you from that first Camp in 1946. (If there is anyone who was a part of that first camp, has pictures or know stories from someone who attended, I would love to hear from you). We also would like to share your story and pictures – the stories of life-changing, God experiences, funny moments and/or friendships that are part of this 75-year history that tell the story that is Camp Maranatha.

Stories and pictures may be emailed or mailed to the Conference office. (We reserve the right to edit the stories, as needed, for publication. Pictures will be returned.)

Email to: rfredericks58@aol.com
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I look forward to hearing from you!

¹ Page 96, An Overview of the History of the Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church 80th Anniversary 1910-1990 by J. R. Schrader Jr.

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Women's Ministries

Tammy Porter



COMING TOGETHER IN DIFFERENT PLACES

Our General WM Board has put together an online women's conference that can be accessed anytime from any location for your convenience. The link for the conference is iphc.org/rise. We hope that you will take advantage of this conference with your local church and gather your ladies together for a time of fellowship and community.

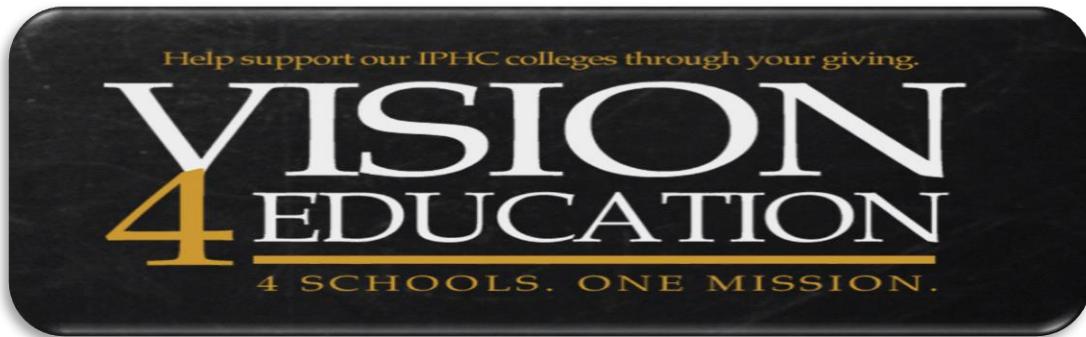
Since this year has been different than years past, the Appalachian Women's Ministries is going to do something a little out of the box! Personally, our board is taking advantage of this online conference and we are putting on our own local church conference for our women to enjoy. We invite you to do the same.

So, Friday, November 6, 2020, my personal church will be getting our ladies together to sit and enjoy the online Rise Conference. We encourage all WM directors to choose this night and "Come Together with Us in Different Places" around the Appalachian Conference, and worship the Lord in the comfort of your own atmosphere. If this date doesn't work with your schedule, the conference is available online, anytime, for you to participate in with a group or individually.

2020 has definitely been a year for doing life a little differently, but that doesn't mean we stop doing life! So, make plans with your ladies to take advantage of some great ministry with powerful women of God and enjoy coming together in your own way and own style!

Be sure to share pictures and testimonies from your conference to the Appalachian Conference Women's Ministries page on Facebook.

We look forward to "Coming Together in Different Places" with our beautiful ladies from around this wonderful conference.



Fall is quickly approaching and we are finding ourselves slowly trying to adapt to a new year for colleges around the nation. Classes are looking a little different, as virtual learning is quickly becoming the new normal for our students.

For over 75 years, the women's ministries of the IPHC have gathered together for "Feast of Ingathering," which is now known as Vision 4 Education, to offer up monetary blessings to our Christian institutions.

Although V4E will look very different this year, the "show must go on." Now more than ever we need to pray for our colleges and support them financially. We need our schools. We need our students to have the opportunity to further their education, as well as mature in their purpose for which they have been called.

I, personally, have been blessed to tour the campus grounds, meet students and see the anointing that rests on both Holmes and Emmanuel. We are living in dire times and we need these schools now more than ever to be financially strong and healthy for future generations.

I challenge each of our churches to take at least one Sunday in September to collect an offering specific to V4E for each of these institutions. I truly believe that if we all work together, we can make this year the most profitable Vision 4 Education ever.

Please send offerings to the Conference Office no later than September 28 in order to be counted for the 2020/2021 school year.

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HE KNOWS HIS TIME IS SHORT

Revelation 12:12

Have you ever watched a football game in the final two minutes? If so, you know that the action is very intense! The players perform with great zeal and make breath-taking plays. And frequently the game ends with a thriller. Often it is a touchdown in the final seconds!

Spiritual warfare is very similar. The devil knows that his time is short. And he intends to make the most of the time. Maybe this is one reason that every country in the world is suffering with the pandemic! The world was not prepared for such an attack!

MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

"Making the very most (on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence), because the days are filled with evil" (Ephesians 5:16 Amplified Version).

THREE QUESTIONS

What are you doing with the opportunities? What are you doing with your days? Are you standing firm with the Kingdom of God (Ephesians 6:13,14)?

What is the devil doing with these last-day opportunities? (The answer is found in Revelation 12:10-17.) He is making accusations against God's people. Day and night he hurls his accusations!

What is Jesus doing with these last-day opportunities? (The answer is found in Acts 10:38.) "He is doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil..."

OVERCOME THE DEVIL WITH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

Revelation 12:11

Command the devil to leave by the Blood of the Lamb! Understand the privileges of the Blood of the Lamb! Receive forgiveness of your sins by the Blood of Jesus (1 John 1:9).

The Blood of Jesus testifies in the court of Heaven. It is giving God the LEGAL right to remove our sins and totally forgive our sins forever! ACCUSATIONS of the devil are STOPPED by the Blood of Jesus. "Not guilty," is what the Blood of Jesus says about us if we repent. And we agree with this testimony!

OVERCOME BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY

When you tell others how good God has been to you, victory is heading your way! The devil is overcome by the Word of Your Testimony (Rev. 12:11).

Do you remember the man possessed by so many devils that he was called Legion (Mark 5:9)? He was greatly oppressed and tormented by the devil. But one day Jesus came to his shore. And Jesus set him free!

He begged Jesus to let him go on the ministry trips. But Jesus had a better way for this man to reach people for Christ. *“Go home to your friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for you, and how he has had compassion on you” (Mark 5:19).*

**Live each day like
Jesus is coming
back.
Because one day,
He will.**

The calendar is presented as a graphic with a border of colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The title "OCTOBER CALENDAR" is prominently displayed at the top in a large, bold, green font. Below the title, a list of events for the month of October is provided, each preceded by its date. The text is in a black, sans-serif font. The background of the central text area is a solid light orange color.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| Oct 4 | Boys' Ministries Day |
| 11 | Pastor Appreciation Day |
| 13 | HGM – Dublin |
| 17 | HGM Champions Training-onsite |
| 23 | Fall District Meeting-Greenbrier District |
| 24 | Fall District Meeting-East Tennessee District |
| 26 | Prayer Call 8 pm |
| 26 | Fall District Meeting-Shenandoah Valley/Central Va |
| 27 | Fall District Meeting-Southwest Virginia District |
| 29 | Fall District Meeting-New River Valley/Roanoke Dists. |
| 30 | Fall District Meeting-Bluefield/McDowell Districts |
| 31 | Fall District Meeting-Central West Virginia District |